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Case No. 1391/1561

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert J. Yatka et al.

Serial No.: 10/712,114

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19, 204 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 6, 11, 24-27 and 30-31. The item(s) checked below are appropriate: An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on 1. _____ for ____ month(s). 2. \boxtimes A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411. 3. \bowtie Fee \$500.00 Other than a Small Entity Ø **Enclosed** Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal) П Charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith) \boxtimes The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. \boxtimes 4. I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, Dated: ____12/20/04 /Steven P. Shurtz/ Steven P. Shurtz Registration No. 31,424 Attorney for Applicants

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated <u>August</u>

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